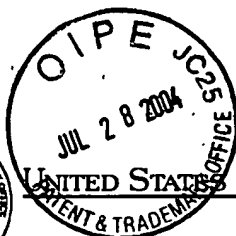


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Serial No.: 10/762,562

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Filed: January 23, 2004

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For: CATHETER WITH ATTACHED FLEXIBLE SIDE SHEATH

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application(Filing Date Granted) dated July 20, 2004, applicants hereby submit the following:

1. Return copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. copy of date-stamped postcard showing receipt by the PTO of copy of declaration from parent application 09/455,299 WITH FILING OF THIS APPLICATION;
3. copy of Declaration, supplied to the PTO with filing of subject application, and again on June 18, 2004 with Response to Notice to File Missing Parts;
4. copy of Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of April 27, 2004, filed June 18, 2004, and related attachments.

Applicants filed a copy of the Declaration from parent application serial number 09/455,299 with the subject application papers, on the filing date of this application, namely January 23, 2004.

On April 27, 2004, the Patent Office issued a Notice to File Missing Parts, indicating that no Declaration had been received with this application. Applicants submitted another copy of the

Declaration with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts on June 18, 2004. In addition, Applicants supplied a copy of the date-stamped PTO postcard listing the declaration submitted at filing.

On July 20, 2004, ANOTHER Notice to File Missing Parts was issued, indicating that the Declaration fee of \$65.00 (small entity) had not been received. Applicants are not enclosing this fee. **This fee has been erroneously charged by the Patent Office on TWO separate occasions.** This fee is **not due the PTO**, as the Declaration from parent application 09/455,299 was **filed with this application**, and has been supplied on TWO subsequent occasions since then.

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the current Notice to File Missing Parts, which issued due to PTO error, and allow this application to proceed to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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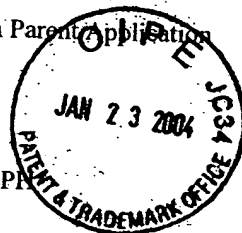
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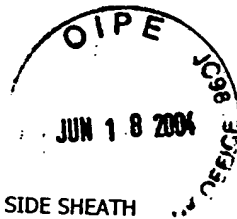


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